Cross Country Skiing

By BOB PLATT

This winter will be remembered as a season when cross-country skiers had to select a trail that was not overly endowed with fresh snow, heavy enough to impede movement. The consistent bountiful falls have made it necessary to pack and pack again on the Star. The ranger is prepared to settle for a breathing space at this time.

APPRECIATION OF WORK

North Okanagan Cross-country Ski Club, and all others who helped develop the network of trails on Silver Star, are pleased to see the multitude of people using the facility. The club's efforts has been rewarded by a Certificate of Appreciation from the Minister of Lands, Parks, and Housing.

LAST SUNDAY

It was a pity that the Spectrum Falls-tour had to be cancelled because of over abundant snowfall (what sort of penalty is that). Judging by the number of phone calls arising from the media announcements, a lot of people were keen to make the trip but it was necessary to substitute an area where trails were more suitable.

Postill Lake was perfect, the management had been over the various loops with a tracker and it was joy to immerse oneself in a delightful environment. There's a diversity of terrain around the lake, the old logging road giving way to narrow routes, brushing past the trees and full of surprises, like rounding bends and zooming down into hollows, the short runs calling for good control.

The way the season has been shaping has had remarkable side effects in that the lakes around Postill have to be avoided for water is liable to be encountered and there's no guarantee the ice cover is thick enough for skiing over it. Anyhow, who wants to scrape their skis after going through a water puddle.

CARIBOO WEEKEND

A great weekend is in store for all Nordic skiers when they attend the Cariboo Marathon, to be staged Feb. 6. The club offers a package deal of first class accomodation at 108 Motor Lodge and travel there and back by Greyhound, leaving Vernon Friday evening and returning Sunday. Keith Brewis has further detail for you, phone him at 542-9008, in the evening.

MONTHLY MEETING

The monthly club meeting is Tuesday, at the Centennial Arts Centre, over from the Chamber of Commerce building and all cross-country ski enthusiasts are welcome to attend. An interesting program has been arranged and proceedings start at 7:30 p.m. to finish by 9:30 p.m. Come along and hear what the executive has been doing on your behalf. You too, may have a topic for discussion and this is an opportunity for you to make your voice heard.

THE MASTERS

The Overlanders Club (Kamloops) has a Masters event at Lac Le Jeune this weekend and some Vernon skiers will be there, to go over the 30 kilometre distance. This week has seen them toughening up the leg muscles with hours spent on local snow and there's plenty of scope for that, be it in daylight at a golf club or evenings on a high school oval.

LARCH HILLS

A popular place to ski, with a multitude of trails available; a map is desirable and the club has secured a supply from the Larch Hills Ski Club. They may be bought for $3.50, printed on waterproof paper.

THE POLE STRAP

Are you still having difficulty in arranging the strap around the wrist? This is a good way to remember the drill, the top half of the loop is always under the butt of the thumb. Try it for yourself.

THIS SUNDAY

Cosens Bay is the venue for the tour Sunday and Svend Kristensen (549-1027) is the leader. It will be an easy day in an area of outstanding scenic value and the snow is entirely suitable for a day out in Kalamalka Park.

Meet Svend at Downtown Super-Valu, at 9:30 a.m.

THREE GAMES . . . Busy weekend for Lakers . . . IN THREE DAYS

MOLSTAR PACE SETTER (Don Weixl Photo)

Silver Star Ski School Director Gerry Goudge races down Big White Mountain in a recent Molson Pace Setter Race. Molstar races, for recreation skiers, are now being held on weekends and mid-week at Silver Star.

Vernon Lakers are entering one of the busiest weekends of the B.C. Junior Hockey League season.

Vernon hosts Cariboo College Chiefs, of Kamloops, in an exhibition game tonight, at 8 p.m. On Saturday, Lakers visit Merritt Centennials, and Sunday, Vernon entertains Revelstoke Rockets.

Lakers turned in one of their most lacklustre performances last Sunday in a 4-3 loss, at home, to Revelstoke. Vernon Captain Dean Hascarl told the Daily News his club knows it played poorly.

"And we're going to do something about it," Hascarl said. "I'm confident we're going to win three games this weekend."

Lakers have experienced little difficulty with Cariboo College or Merritt, but Revelstoke has been a problem. Rockets have defeated Vernon in their last three meetings and now lead the fourth-place Lakers by 11 points.

POWER PLAY

Hascarl said, "Our power play could make the difference this weekend. It was terrible last Sunday, but if we do what we practiced this week, I think we'll get some goals."

Vernon's power play was unable to score against Rockets despite several opportunities, including a five-minute penalty for butt-ending.

Statistics released this week by the BCJHL show Hascarl is 17th in Interior Division scoring with 32 points, three back of team leader Rob Kossan.

Despite his ranking as the second highest scorer on Lakers, the 20-year-old centre has been disappointed with his offensive output.

"Things haven't been going too well for me," he said. "I can't seem to put the puck in the net this year. I don't know if the goalies are better. . .or what."

BEST SEASON

Hascarl's best season with Vernon was in 1978-79 when he scored 33 goals as a rookie.

DEAN HASCARL
. . . confident

He said, "I got a lot of scoring opportunities that year because everyone was worried about stopping (Terry) Lowe and (John) Neeld. It was great playing with those guys."

Lowe and Neeld finished first and fifth, respectively, in the league scoring race that season.

Meanwhile, for tonight's game against Cariboo College, students and children will be admitted for reduced rates.

In Thursday's lone BCJHL game, Penticton Knights blasted Merritt 7-1.

Penticton led 3-0 at the end of the first period and 4-0 at the end of the second.

Guy Lanki spoiled Norm Foster's shutout bid by scoring at 6:10 of the third period. Foster stopped 31 other shots, while Merritt goalie Al Hryeniuk stopped 33.

Kevin Trach and Ray Ferraro each scored twice for Penticton. Leroy Rempel, Dave Guymer and Randy Maxwell added singles.

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CURLING CLUB NEWS

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SENIOR MENS SPIEL WINNERS

Harold Long, of Kelowna, always near the top in most senior spiels, came out the top team here with a perfect record of six wins. Runners-up to Long were two Vernon teams, skipped by Harvy Rees and Norm Brown.

The B square was won by Tommy Tompkinson with Stan McKeller coming in second; both Vernon teams. C event was won by N. Morrison of Kamloops and Al Roos of Vernon captured D event.

Ray Peden, president of our Senior league, was pleased with the great support he got from his fellow members and would like to thank all who helped.

LADIES' BONSPIELS

This weekend we have numerous teams from our club travelling to open spiels at Winfield, Chase, Merritt and Oliver. Good luck and good fun.

BUSINESS GIRLS LEAGUE

Irene Fisher continues to lead in the aggreagate race with 18 points, followed closely by Marg Denham and Judy Douglas. The playoff picture is shaping up and seven teams have qualified. These teams are skipped by Irene Fisher, Malve Porkolab, Dot York, Marg Denham, Jackie Jones, and Larraine Smith.

LADIES AFTERNOON LEAGUE

Shirley White with her fine team of Pat Stewart, Anne Crommer, and Marie Rosehill are leading in the second square with 12 points. But close on her heels are teams skipped by Ruth Adams, Dot Grams, Thelma Trickett and Colleen Hubbard.

SILVER STAR BONSPIEL

As of today, there are only four openings left so anyone interested should get their entry in now.

LEGION ZONE WINNERS

Last weekend, at Winfield, Dwayne MacDonald, Bob Kilborn, Brian Geisbrecht and Geo White won three straight games and captured zone honors. Next step is Cloverdale, Feb. 26, and a chance to advance to national finals at Truro, N.S. Good luck guys.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Shriners and practice ice; 6 p.m.—G. M. Dealers spiel.

Sunday: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. G.M. spiel; 3:30 and 5:45 p.m., Commercial; 8 p.m., Legion.

Eight teams compete in Lumby tournament

Eight teams will compete for $1,400 in cash prizes at the annual Labatts Invitational Hockey Tournament this weekend, in Lumby.

Play gets under way Saturday, at 7 a.m., when White Valley Hockey League All-star take on Winfield. Armstrong hits the ice at 9 a.m., against Lumby.

At 11 a.m., Nakusp battles 100 Mile House and the final first round game, at 1 p.m., has Quesnel facing Fairmont.

FINAL GAMES

The ' final is scheduled Sunday, at 1 p.m., with the 'A' championship game at 3 p.m. Winner of the 'A' final takes home $700 while the loser picks up $400. Winner of the 'B' game earns $300.

Second-place Mountain Meadow Mustangs placed seven men on the WVHL all-star squad. First-place Lotus Gardens will be represented by six players, Labatts Sabres five, and National Hotel Raiders two.

TEAM MEMBERS

Team members are: from Mustangs, goalie Mike Smithson, Jim Sparrow, Jed Sparrow, Keith Louis, Larry Louis, Rod Trentini, and Fabian Alexis; Lotus Gardens, Willy Devan, Clay Anderson, Darcy Anderson, Jeff Vest, Rick Rysz, and goalie Mike Kirk; Sabres, Guy Davison, Rick Hawkins, Luke Hildebrandt, Dennis O'Ferrall, and Gord Henschke; Raiders, Rich Creelman and Stan Hunt.

Kirk expects the defending champion, 100 Mile House, to be tough.

"It is hard to pick a pre-tournament favorite because we haven't seen some of the teams," Kirk said, "but we know 100 Mile House will be strong. They have a good skating club.

"I think we (WVHL all-stars) should do well. We've got a lot of depth."

Six of the league's top eight scorers are on the club.

Faragalli named coach of year

EDMONTON (CP) — Joe Faragalli, who transformed a group of losers into a team of winners was honored Thursday as the Canadian Football League coach of the year for 1981.

In his first year as head coach of Saskatachewan Roughriders, Faragalli turned the Riders from 2-14 also-rans into 9-7 playoff contenders. The Riders' playoff hopes ended in the dying minutes of their final regular-season game on the slippery surface of Vancouver's Empire Stadium.

"It embarrasses me when someone says I'm coach of the year, because it goes contary to what I believe in," Faragalli said after accepting the Annis Stukus Trophy.

"I owe it to Spav (general manager Jim Spavital) because in all the years I've been coaching, he's the only guy who gave me the opportunity to be a head coach."

BEGAN WITH EDMONTON

Faragalli said his winning of the award was also a measure of the success of the Edmonton Eskimos organization.

JOE FARAGALLI
. . . embarrassed

"It started from there," he said. "My life is a sum total of a lot of experiences. If you go back to when Eagle Keys was head coach in Saskatchewan, every assistant he had went on to become a head coach because they had a successful program. Now things have switched over to the Eskimos."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Submarines whip Polecats

Linda Vriend scored 17 points to lead Yellow Submarines to a 35-5 win over B.C. Tel Polecats in Women's Basketball League play Thursday. Lym Colter added seven points for the winners.

In another game, Mark's Mothers trounced Brand X 35-20. Sandra Jones led Mothers with 14 points while Shirley Fowler countered with 13 for Brand X.

INDOOR SOCCER

In Men's Indoor Soccer League action this week, Hawks beat Dirties 2-1, Kickers doubled Wandereers 4-2, and Rovers edged Rangers 4-3. In Women's Indoor Soccer League play Thursday, Drillers and Caps battled to an 8-8 draw while Celtics dumped Boppers 7-5.

HOOP TOURNEY

Pleasant Valley Sinners, of Armstrong, will host their Snoball Girls' Basketball Tournament, Feb. 5 and 6. Six teams are entered including Nechako Valley, ranked as the top 'A' team in the province. Other participants will be Chase, Westsyde, George Elliot (Winfield), Askcroft, and Armstrong. In addition to the tourney, there will also be a foul shooting contest.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

In Women's Intermediate 'A' Volleyball League action this week, the scores were: Al's Gutter Gals 3, Downtown Realty 2; Thriftys 4, Colts 0; Sight N Sound 4, Peters Tirecraft 0; H and L Glass 4, Gilbey's Girls 0; Pizza Patio 2, Taylor Service 2; Jokers 3, Golden Crown 1.

JOCKEYS INDICTED

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Three jockeys from Massachusetts were indicted Thursday for an alleged conspiracy to fix races at the Meadowlands last fall.

A New Jersey state grand jury levelled conspiracy charges against Edwin Kelly, 37, and Gilfredo Gonzalez, 40, both of Revere, Mass.; and Abad Cabassa, 22, of East Boston, Mass.

SCOTT SIGNS

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Astros centrefielder Tony Scott signed a three-year, $1.25-million contract Thursday, giving Al Rosen, general manager of the National League baseball club, two million-dollar signees this week.

Scott, who came to the Astros last June 6 from St. Louis Cardinals in a trade for pitcher Joaquin Andujar, hit .264 for the Astros in 30 games last season, replacing Cesar Cedeno in centre field.

Cedeno, who moved to first base last season, was traded Dec. 18 to Cincinnati in exchange for third baseman Ray Knight, who signed a five-year, $2.6-million contract Monday.

ORDER LIFTED

POMONA, Calif. (AP) — A Superior Court judge lifted a temporary restraining order Thursday that was issued to halt ticket sales and promotion of the Larry Holmes-Gerry Cooney heavyweight title bout.

The move appears to clear the legal obstacle for the World Boxing Council championship bout, scheduled for March 15 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

JANUARY, 1977

A group of students and teachers at Vernon Senior Secondary School are undertaking a huge one-week sports festival which will be called Chimo Days. Chimo Days are scheduled to start on Feb. 11 and wind up Feb. 18.

Pledge total passes $4,000

North Okanagan businesses and individuals are throwing their support behind Snowarama '82.

Snowarama, sponsored by the Lion's Club and Vernon Snowmobile Club, will be held Jan. 31 on Silver Star Mountain. Proceeds from the 100-mile ride go to the crippled children of B.C.

Daily News Sports Editor Don Kendall now has $42.06 per mile pledged on him, for a total of $4,206 . . . a personal record.

Pledges are accepted at 545-6671, between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sales Manager Don Lee and the staff at Wometco (Coca-Cola) have pledged $245.

Doreen McKay and the rest of the staff at Kimikos Hair Fashions have pledged $105.

Vernon Moonshiners Oldtimers Hockey Team answered a challenge by pledging $100. Another $100 has been donated by the Sun Valley Van Club.

Other pledges include: Biro Investments (Greyhound) 56c per mile, Fulton Maroons Basketball Team 56c, Rick Horsley 10c, Greg Fraser 20c, Seaton Gymnastics Club 10c, and Ken Hewson 10c.

Any amount, large or small, will be appreciated by the crippled children.

TIMBERETTES HOST TOURNEY (Alleyne Tull Photo)

Lumby Timberettes will host a four-team, round-robin, girls' basketball tournament Saturday. First round games have Vernon Royals meet the Vernon senior women's team, at 10:30 a.m.; and Timberettes hosting Kelowna Owlettes, at 12 noon. Lumby has won 14, of 18, outings this season. In five tournaments, Timberettes have won one and placed second three times. Team members are from left, back row: Diane Havisto, Sandra Eloff, Wendy Hornell, Zofia Jaroshinski, Laurie Edwards, and Coach Vic Szestopalow. Front row: Teri Cote, Cherie Henderson, Tara Hanna, Wendy Willman, Wendy Richardson, Susan Luckey, and Elaine Morneau.